Amendments to the Claims:

A listing of the entire set of pending claims (including amendments to the claims, if any) is submitted herewith per 37 CFR 1.121. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently amended) A method of processing an information signal in which a plurality of watermarks (W) are present, the plurality of watermarks together defining a multi-bit payload, the method comprising:

detecting the presence (60-62) of each of the plurality of watermarks (W) in the information signal;

determining the payload (70, 75) represented by the watermarks; and,

calculating a measure of confidence (110) in the accuracy of the payload represented by the watermarks.

2. (Currently amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 1 further comprising comparing (112) the measure of confidence with a threshold confidence value (111) and providing an output (113) based on the comparison with the threshold confidence value.

3. (Currently amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 2 further comprising not determining the payload represented by the plurality of watermarks if the output (113) indicates that the measure of confidence is below the threshold confidence value.

4. (Currently amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 1 wherein the step of detecting the presence (60-62) of each watermark comprises:

deriving, for each watermark, a set of correlation results (64) by correlating the information signal with one of the watermarks (W) for each of a plurality of relative positions of the information signal with respect to the watermark; and

detecting a correlation peak (65, 85) in the set of correlation results (64) for each watermark.

5. (Currently amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 4 wherein the measure of confidence in the payload is based on the correlation results in the region of the correlation peak.

6. (Currently amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 5 wherein the measure of confidence is related to the total energy of the correlation peak.

7. (Currently amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 5 wherein the measure of confidence is related to the shape of the correlation peak.

8. (Currently amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 4 further comprising identifying clusters of correlation results (65) which are likely to represent correlation peaks and processing the clusters to identify the cluster that is most likely to represent the true correlation peak.

9. (Currently amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 8 wherein the step of identifying clusters of correlation results (65) comprises determining all correlation results in the set which exceed the threshold value and then determining which of those correlation results are located within a predetermined distance of each other.

10. (Currently amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 4 wherein the step of detecting the presence of watermarks comprises comparing at least part of the set of correlation results with information about an expected shape of a correlation peak in the results.

11. – 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) Apparatus for presenting an information signal in which a plurality of watermarks are present, the plurality of watermarks together defining a multi-bit payload, comprising means

a processor for disabling operation of the apparatus in dependence on the presence of a valid watermark in the information signal,

wherein the ~~apparatus comprises an arrangement according to claim 12~~ processor detects the presence of each of the plurality of watermarks in the information signal, determines the payload represented by the watermarks, and calculates a measure of confidence in the accuracy of the payload represented by the watermarks.

16. (Currently amended) An arrangement for processing an information signal in which a plurality of watermarks ~~(W1)~~ are present, the plurality of watermarks together defining a multi-bit payload, the arrangement comprising:

a processor for detecting the presence of each of the plurality of watermarks in the information signal; said processor determining the payload represented by the watermarks and calculating a measure of confidence in the accuracy of the payload represented by the watermarks.